

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 15, in the paragraph bridging pages 14 and 15, please amend as indicated below.

The flexible upper connection portion 7 and the flexible lower connection portion 8 are located anteroposteriorly outward of the rigid wall portions 5. Therefore, when the bottle 1 is blow-molded from the plastic parison, portions of the parison corresponding to the connection portions 7, 8 are stretched at a higher stretch ratio, so that the connection portions 7, 8 are formed as having a relatively small thickness. As a result, the connection portions 7, 8 each have flexibility sufficient for easy deformation. On the other hand, the rigid wall portions 5 each have a greater thickness and, hence, are difficult to deform with high rigidity. The average thickness of the connection portions 7, 8 are preferably smaller than one half the average thickness of the rigid wall portions 5. As seen in Fig. 6, the front and rear rigid wall portions 5 have a substantially uniform thickness between the left and right wall portions 6.